

**Motion for the Charge Conference**

The Board of Trustees motion the Charge Conference of Smyrna First United Methodist Church to approve the formation of an official Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry Committee (PEC), consistent with ¶ 2534 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church. This committee will consist of the Executive Committee Chair, the Finance Committee Chair, the Treasurer, a representative from the Trustees, a representative from the Discipleship Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, and at least one of the Church's appointed Clergypersons. The purpose of the Committee shall be to research the viability of a permanent endowment fund or similar governed investment vehicle. If such a vehicle is determined to be beneficial to Smyrna First UMC, the PEC shall be empowered to implement its formation, including the development of guidelines for endowment/trust, related planned giving and manage said account according to the guidelines set forth. The PEC shall report quarterly to the Board of Trustees, Finance Committee and Executive Committee on its progress. All of this is consistent with the relevant aforementioned section in the Book of Discipline.

**Bake-Off Winners and Photos**



Judging criteria was based on Presentation, Taste, Creativity, and Jesus (we left that up to each youth to decide what Jesus means to them in their baked good). A big round of applause to this year's winners:

- Claire, who earned the People's Choice Award
- Sydney, winner of the Middle School Division
- Lillian, winner of the High School Division

**Photos from Confirmation Banquet**



**Photos from Dedication**



Dr. Martin's Children



Rev. Porter



**From Park Plaque...**

"This Park is dedicated to the "Wonderful Life" of Dr. David Verrill Martin. A pillar of the Smyrna Community for over 30 years, Dr. Martin's impact as a coach, teacher, mentor, church and civic leader, and friend spans generations of community members and leaders across the city, state and country.

Widely known for his morning walks through Smyrna while picking up trash, he quietly taught the value of caring for the community in tangible ways. His gifts of homemade banana bread during his weekly visits to Optimist club breakfasts, Romeo lunches, Delmar Gardens and those lucky enough to join his birthday banana bread list were a prize of infinite value.

On Sunday mornings, Dr. Martin could be found helping the children at Smyrna First United Methodist church pick their favorite doughnut before worship. With a warm smile and the laugh of a grandfather, he demonstrated the importance of greeting and welcoming people into the church and community, often with a loaf of banana bread.

Dr. Martin always answered the question "How are you?" with the simple phrase, "It's a wonderful life." Thank you, Dr. Martin, for teaching us through your love and your actions how we, too, can live a wonderful life. Your memory will remain in our hearts, and your legacy will live on in our community forever."



Dr. Martin's Family



Smyrna City Council and Mayor



Optimist Club



Smyrna First UMC Cornerstone Choir

